

Acknowledgement by the PTO of the receipt of applicants' filed under Section 119 is noted.

Claims 1 and 3-12 have been rejected under the first paragraph of Section 112 and also under the second paragraph of Section 112. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The claims have been amended above in order to even better particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention, not to overcome any prior art. No limitations have been added and none are intended. The amendments are made without dedication, disclaimer, abandonment, waiver, forfeiture, renunciation, concession or estoppel.

Withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-7, 10 and 12 have been rejected as obvious from Katoh in view of JP '049, and claims 8 and 9 have been rejected over the same combination further in view of JP '739. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The remarks of the reply of March 1, 1999, are respectfully repeated by reference. The PTO has ignored the fact that Katoh and JP '049 have no relationship with one another, and there is nothing which suggests or otherwise makes obvious any combination of these citations. The PTO also ignores the fact that only Katoh suggests milling a ground fish meat, but that in Katoh the ground fish which is milled is not frozen but is **already thawed**. No prior art known suggests the milling of a frozen ground fish mass as claimed, and no

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combination of the prior art could thus provide such an expedient. The prior art rejections are unjustified.

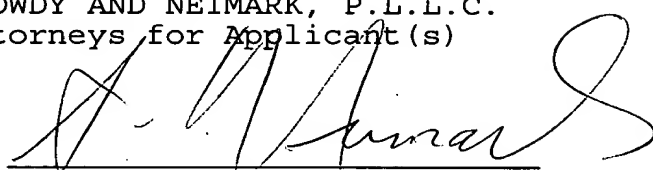
Withdrawal of such prior art rejections is in order and is respectfully requested.

Favorable reconsideration, entry of the present amendment and allowance are again respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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